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PATENT

In re application of: Ricci *et al.*

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 27, 2000.
Reconsideration of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claims 19-37 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please AMEND claims 1, 2 and 5 as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A gas distribution plate for use in a semiconductor fabrication apparatus including a semiconductor processing chamber, the gas distribution plate comprising:

a plurality of holes for passing process gases to the semiconductor processing chamber; and